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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2568

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SUBJ: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

REF: STATE 158931; B. DAMASCUS 2547

1. MET WITH SYRIAN COS SHIHABI AT 1300 LOCAL JULY 7 TO DISCUSS MORGAN CASE. SHIHABI STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TELEPHONED TWICE THIS MORNING BY LEBANESE G-2 (COLONEL BOUSTANY) CONCERNING MORGAN. SHIHABI STATED THIS IS FIRST TIME HE HAS HEARD OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION ORGANIZATION (RSAO).

2. WHEN I MENTIONED "LEBANESE SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION" (LSRO) HE SAID HE DID NOT RULE OUT THAT LSRO AND RSAO WERE ONE AND THE SAME. ACCORDING SHIHABI, MOST PROMINENT MEMBER OF LSRO WAS MURSHID SHABBU. WHEN I MENTIONED NAME OF SAMI ZUBIAN HE NODDED AND SAID THAT
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ACCORDING HIS BEST RECOLLECTION ZUBIAN AND SHABBU WERE

ONCE THOUGHT TO BE CO-HEADS OF LSRO. SHIHABI AFFIRMED
THAT THERE NO RECORD OF EITHER LSRO OR RSAO ACTIVITIES
IN SYRIA.

3. SHIHABI SAID HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED "OUR MAN", SAIQA
CHIEF ZUHAIR MUHSIN, AND DIRECTED HIM TO IVESTIGATE
MORGAN'S WHEREABOUTS USING SAIQA ASSETS IN LEBANON.

4. HE PROMISED ADVISE BOTH ME AND BOUSTANY IMMEDIATELY
OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH HE CAN DEVZLOP THROUGH SYRIAN
SECURITY APPARATUS AND/OR WITH ASSISTANCE SAIQA PERSONNEL
IN LEBANON.
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